[Mr. T. M. Chidambaratanu Pillai.]

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI: With reference to the answer to the first part of the question, will the Government be pleased to state whether there has been any material increase in the *puduval* revenue as compared with 1095 also? And as to the second part, will the Government be pleased to state how much land was advertised for sale in 1097 according to the new Puduval Rules?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: That information has also been called for.

CONCESSIONS TO THE PROPOSED SUGAR FACTORY.

37. MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what concessions have been demanded by the organisers of the proposed sugar factory, which of them have been granted by Government, what part Government have taken hitherto in the enterprise and what progress has been made; and

(*b*) whether the promoters have asked for the imposition of an export duty on jaggery?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) The answer is contained in G. O. R. Dis. No. 499 of 22/Development, dated the 6th March, 1922, published in the Gazette dated the 14th *idem*. The organisers of the Company have not asked for any further concessions. No progress can be made till the expiry of the time allowed to Travancoreans for taking shares.

(*b*) Jaggery is already subject to export duty.

RECEIPT OF COMMISSION FROM FIRMS BY HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS.

38. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: Has any instance of any head of a department demanding or taking commission on articles purchased for Government purposes come to the notice of Government? If so, will the Government be pleased to state the name and designation of such officer?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: No instance of the kind has come to the notice of Government.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state from what section of the Huzur Office the answer was prepared?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The answer was prepared after ascertaining the information from all the sections in the Secretariat.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there has been any correspondence from Messrs. Ferris & Co., on the subject?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: I am not aware.

RAISING OF THE CREST LEVEL OF THE SURPLUS WEIR OF THE PACHIPARA DAM.

39. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any correspondence

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been going on with regard to the raising of the crest level of the surplus weir of the Pachipara Dam to store a larger quantity of water in the reservoir?

(*b*) At what stage does the correspondence stand now?

(*c*) Do the Government now intend to raise the crest level of the surplus weir?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) & (*b*) Two estimates were sanctioned by Government for a total sum of Rs. 1,930 to investigate this scheme and contour plans of the lake were prepared for different levels. Nothing further has been done.

(*c*) Until careful investigations and calculations are made, it is not possible to say now whether the scheme is feasible or not.

MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government have any intention of raising the crest?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The reply is contained in the answer already given.

TALUKWAR EXPENDITURE DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS IN THE TALUKS OF NANJANAD AND EDANAD FOR IRRIGATION WORKS.

40. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the talukwar expense for the last five years incurred by the Government in the taluks of Nanjanad and Edanad for irrigation works, etc., in accordance with the second paragraph of Government Proceedings No. 6757, dated the 22nd June, 1913, which laid down that all kinds of irrigation works in the commanded area in Nanjanad and Edanad should be regarded as included in the Kodayar Major works and that the entire expenditure in connection therewith should be borne by the Government?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The information has been called for and has not yet been received.

CASES UNDER THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES REGULATION TAKEN COGNISANCE OF BY THE POLICE.

41. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of cases taken cognisance of by the police in the whole State, since they were empowered to do so, under the provisions of the Weights and Measures Regulation?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The information required has been called for and has not been received.

The Council then resumed the consideration of the budget for 1098

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS—(*Contd.*)

Demand XIV-Education.

MR. L.C. HODGSON: Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 30. 84 lakhs under Demand XIV—Education.

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